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**The NYS Agricultural Experiment Station celebrates 125 years with an Open House on September 15**

GENEVA, NY: Healthy food and healthy plants meet healthy people on a healthy planet at an Open House of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, on Saturday, September 15, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event celebrates the 125th anniversary of the Station and is free and open to the public. The official welcome takes place on the lawn of Parrott Hall at 11 a.m.



See exotic butterflies and other live insects. Enjoy tractors, heirloom gardens, and a farmers' market. Taste wine, cider, jam and other comestibles. Tour labs, Station farms, an exotic butterfly house, the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park, and more. For more information, look for a special section in the September 9th edition of the Finger Lakes Times, or visit <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu>

Cornell University scientists will stage interactive exhibits and conduct field tours of cutting-edge research and outreach that show how their work impacts agriculture, food, and bio-based industries in New York. Tours, displays, and over 50 hands-on exhibits for children of all ages will demonstrate the contributions that researchers at the Station have made over the past 125 years.

"Everyone is welcome to come and participate in the celebration," says Station director Thomas J. Burr. "The New York State Agricultural Experiment Station was established by an act of the state legislature to promote agriculture in New York through scientific investigation. We have been working to do just that in New York ever since we first officially opened our doors in 1882. The Open House is our opportunity to show the public some of the current research and outreach that furthers our land grant legacy of public service through knowledge."

The Open House will include exhibits from the departments of horticultural sciences, entomology, plant pathology, and food science and technology. Other partners include the USDA-ARS, the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park, NYS Ag & Markets, the NYS Farm Bureau, the NYS Seed Laboratory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), the NYS Wine & Grape Foundation, the Strong Museum, and others.

Visitors will be able to sample and purchase a wide variety of food and beverages from local growers and producers who have benefited from the Experiment Station's research and outreach in food science and technology. These include Greenfield's Food Company, Tassleberry Gourmet Foods, Hill'n'Hollow, Leachy's Super Sauce, Allen's Hill Farm, Martin's Kitchen, Merle Maple Farm, Miss Betty's Down Home Sauce, Murphy Orchards, Red Jacket Orchards, Nunda Mustard/ Golden Oaks Foods, Partyka Farms, Pedersen Farms, Inc., Finger Lakes Farmstead Cheese, Sacheli's Franjo Foods & Farms, LLC, RH Rhodes & Sons, Inc., Finger Lakes Black Currants, Nordic Farms, CherryPharm and others.

Visitors will not go hungry at the Open House. Everything from snacks to desserts to complete meals will be available from on-site eateries such as Vince Volland's Hogs R' Us, Uncle Joe's Pizzeria, and Dana's Time Out. Free samples of fresh roasted corn and Station apples will also be available.

Prior to the Open House, the Experiment Station will host 1,000 students from 10 area high schools on Friday, September 14 who will participate in a number of hands-on science oriented activities—a joint career effort of the Fusion Project and Cornell admissions.

Since becoming affiliated with Cornell University in 1923, the Experiment Station at Geneva has gained national prominence as a center for research and outreach focused on the production, protection, and utilization of fruit and vegetable crops. For 125 years, scientists at the Station have helped fuel the agriculture, food and bio-based sectors of the New York State economy.

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